

NCR's John Allen recognized by TIME

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Pope Francis

Media peers of *NCR's* Vatican correspondent John Allen have offered kudos for his thorough [profiles on the papabili](#) [1].

In a piece today, [TIME magazine notes](#) [2] that when journalists were scrambling for information yesterday about Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, they turned to Allen's March 3 [profile of Bergoglio](#) [3] (now Pope Francis):

The fact that Allen, virtually alone, gave props in advance to the eventual pope was a vindication of his own hard-won expertise in covering one of the world's most opaque bureaucracies. It was also marked a red-letter day for one of the most interesting, and unusual, newspapers in America ["a global powerhouse," the piece later states of *NCR*.]

... In recent years, no one on the staff has shed more light on dark Vatican corners than John Allen, a Catholic from the Kansas plains whose "maddening" objectivity (in the words of one religion blogger) has made him trustworthy among church leaders on both ends of the liberal-conservative spectrum.

Read more about Allen and *NCR* in the [TIME piece](#) [2], and follow NCRonline.org's [coverage of the new pope](#) [4].

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